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## APRIL 2011 CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

### Earth Day 2011

This April I am pleased to highlight Earth Day activities throughout the month. Let us continue honoring this tradition by working toward positive environmental change in our local communities.

Earth Day was founded by then U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson some 40 years ago. After witnessing the damage caused in the massive 1969 oil spill in Santa Barbara, California, Nelson decided to act. Inspired by the grass roots Vietnam protests, demonstrations, and teach-ins of the day, Senator Nelson conceived the idea for a “national teach-in on the environment.” Over 20 million people participated in the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970. The Earth Day momentum also led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts.

To aid in your search for 2011 Earth Day activities, I have listed a few of the many activities occurring around California below.

- EARTH DAY NETWORK – A BILLION ACTS OF GREEN

- CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION.ORG EVENTS GUIDE

(San Francisco/Bay Area)

- CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS – 14TH ANNUAL RESTORATION AND CLEAN-UP April 16, 2011

- 2011 CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS FOUNDATION’S EARTH DAY RESTORATION AND CLEANUP, April 16, 2011

8:30am -1:00pm at Millerton Lake State Recreation Area (Friant, CA)

- ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES’ EARTH DAY CELEBRATION 2011 (Sacramento, CA) April 21, 2011

- CALIFORNIA FUEL CELL PARTNERSHIP SANTA BARBARA EARTH DAY FESTIVAL 2011, April 16-17, 2011

- CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES – SPRING TO LIFE & EARTH DAY 2011 April 21-23, 2011

- CALIFORNIA EARTH DAY JAM (National City, CA), April 23, 2011

### California Financial Literacy Month

April 2011 is California Financial Literacy Month (CAFLM) and this is a wonderful time to highlight the importance of financial skills development and economic empowerment. I encourage all Californians to increase their understanding of savings, investing and credit choices.

California provides wonderful financial literacy programs, services, and activities this month which empower residents to make wise financial decisions. Many of the financial transactions you make from paying your credit card to securing financing for a car take financial skills. Empower yourself, be an informed consumer, and learn new financial skills! Here are a few links to assist you in doing just that this month.

- CALIFORNIA JUMPSTART WEBCAST - FINANCIAL LITERACY & EDUCATION SUMMIT 2011, April 04, 2011 6:30am - 9:00am

- CONSUMER INFORMATION FAIR (Sacramento) April 19, 2011

- BETTY T. YEE FINANCIAL TOOLKITS

- CA FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH BLOG

- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

- U.S. FINANCIAL CAPABILITY CHALLENGE (For Teachers/Students)

- MARIN FAMILY ACTION – FINANCIAL LITERACY

- MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE FUND – HTA LIDER PROGRAM

- CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE – FINANCIAL LITERACY

- BANK ON CALIFORNIA

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